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SUMMARY: GOJ DECIDES TO GIVE $50 MILLION AID TO RVN THIS CALENDAR YEAR. $20 MILLION HUMANITARIAN GRANTS, $30 MILLION PRIMARILY COMMODITY LOANS.

1. IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE MINISTER HOGEN AND CHARGE, FOLLOWED UP BY EMBOFFS' CALL ON KIKUCHI (DEP DIRGEN, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU), FONOFF ADVISED THAT GOJ HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND $50 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM THIS CALENDAR YEAR. OF TOTAL AMOUNT, $20 MILLION WILL BE GRANTS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID, PRIMARILY REFUGEE HOUSING AND ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR, AND $30 MILLION WILL BE LOANS FOR COMMODITY AID. FUNDS FOR GRANTS WILL COME FROM CONTINGENCY FUND OF GENERAL BUDGET; FUNDS FOR LOANS WILL COME FROM GOJ OVERSEAS ECONOMIC COOPERATION FUND. ALTHOUGH TERMS AND OTHER DETAILS OF LOAN NOT ESTABLISHED, KIKUCHI SAID LOAN WOULD BE AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST.

2. RE AID TO RVN IN 1974, KIKUCHI SAID NO DECISIONS TAKEN
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YET, BUT AID WOULD HAVE TO COME OUT OF JFY 1974 BUDGET

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AND THUS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR
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3. KIKUCHI SAID PRIME MINISTER WILL INFORM THE PRESIDENT
OF GOJ'S DECISION RE CY 1973 AID DURING SUMMIT TALKS, BUT WILL
CONFINE HIMSELF TO EXPLANATION IN GENERAL TERMS. KIKUCHI
ASKED THAT INFO BE CLOSELY HELD.
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